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**Anthony John Abbott** AC (/ˈæbɒt/<sup>[3]</sup> born 4 November 1957) is an Australian former politician. He served as the 28th prime minister of Australia from 2013 to 2015, holding office as the leader of the Liberal Party of Australia.<sup>[4]</sup>

Abbott was born in London, England, to an Australian mother and a British father, and moved to Sydney at the age of two. He studied economics and law at the University of Sydney, and then attended The Queen's College, Oxford, as a Rhodes Scholar, studying Philosophy, Politics and Economics. After graduating from Oxford, Abbott briefly trained as a Roman Catholic seminarian, and later worked as a journalist, manager, and political adviser. In 1992, he was appointed director of Australians for Constitutional Monarchy, a position he held until his election to parliament as a member of parliament (MP) for the division of Warringah at the 1994 Warringah by-election.

After the 1998 election, Abbott was appointed Minister for Employment Services in the Second Howard Ministry. He was promoted to cabinet in 2001 as Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business. In 2003, Abbott became Minister for Health and Ageing, retaining this position until the defeat of the Howard Government at the 2007 election. Initially serving in the shadow cabinets of Brendan Nelson and then Malcolm Turnbull, Abbott resigned from the front bench in November 2009, in protest against Turnbull's support for the Rudd Government's proposed Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS).<sup>[5]</sup> Forcing a leadership ballot on the subject, Abbott narrowly defeated Turnbull to become the party's leader and Leader of the Opposition.

Abbott led the Liberal-National Coalition going into the 2010 federal election, which resulted in a hung parliament, and a narrow victory for the Australian Labor Party (ALP).<sup>[6]</sup> Abbott remained as party leader, and led the Coalition to a landslide victory at the 2013 federal election, becoming prime minister. Upon assuming government, the Abbott Government introduced new border control measures known as Operation Sovereign Borders in an effort to stop illegal maritime arrivals,<sup>[7]</sup> and abolished the Minerals Resource Rent Tax and Australia's carbon pricing

The Honourable

**Tony Abbott**AC

Abbott in 2010

**28th Prime Minister of Australia****In office**

18 September 2013 – 15 September 2015

|                         |                                                        |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monarch</b>          | <u>Elizabeth II</u>                                    |
| <b>Deputy</b>           | <u>Warren Truss</u>                                    |
| <b>Governor-General</b> | <u>Dame Quentin Bryce</u><br><u>Sir Peter Cosgrove</u> |
| <b>Preceded by</b>      | <u>Kevin Rudd</u>                                      |
| <b>Succeeded by</b>     | <u>Malcolm Turnbull</u>                                |

**32nd Leader of the Opposition****In office**

1 December 2009 – 18 September 2013

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| <b>Prime Minister</b> | <u>Kevin Rudd</u><br><u>Julia Gillard</u><br><u>Kevin Rudd</u> |
| <b>Deputy</b>         | <u>Julie Bishop</u>                                            |
| <b>Preceded by</b>    | <u>Malcolm Turnbull</u>                                        |
| <b>Succeeded by</b>   | <u>Chris Bowen</u>                                             |

**13th Leader of the Liberal Party****In office**

1 December 2009 – 14 September 2015

|               |                     |
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| <b>Deputy</b> | <u>Julie Bishop</u> |
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## Tony Abbott linked to Catholic priest dumped after child abuse case

TONY Abbott first met John Nestor - struck off the church ministry after a child abuse case - when they were training for the priesthood.

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TONY Abbott first met John Nestor at the St Patrick's seminary in Manly in 1984, when they were training for the Catholic priesthood.

\* They became friends and kept in touch several times a year even after their life journeys went in different directions.

Abbott went into politics. Nestor completed his training and became a priest in the Wollongong diocese of  
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NSW.

When Nestor found himself before a Wollongong magistrate in 1997 charged over the alleged indecent assault of a teenage altar boy, Abbott came to his defence with a character reference.

Asked to describe his friend, the then Parliamentary secretary to the Employment Minister said: "An extremely upright and virtuous man. I guess one of the things that I like very much about John when I first met him was his maturity - intellectual, social, emotional. And he was, to that extent I guess, a beacon of humanity at the seminary."

Abbott added that Nestor was a man with "high expectations of himself and others".

"I can recall ... being more than a little annoyed with him because he would want to bring me up to the mark, bring me back to the path of virtue from time to time and that didn't always go over too well with me."

The priest admitted in court that he had slept, wearing boxer shorts and a singlet, on mattresses on a floor in his presbytery with the boy and his younger brother some time between June and September 1991.

However he rejected the accusation he assaulted the boy.

Nestor was convicted in the Wollongong Local Court on February 18, 1997, and sentenced to 16 months in jail, with the magistrate describing it as a "gross breach of trust".

But the priest was bailed pending an appeal of the conviction and never served any time behind bars.

In October 1997, Nestor won his appeal to quash the conviction in the Wollongong District Court.

District Court Judge Joe Phelan questioned the validity of the boy's evidence, but said that Nestor should have been "more prudent".

"Inappropriate conduct does not prove that a criminal offence took place," the judge said.

Judge Phelan said Nestor was of good character and had maintained his innocence.

Nestor celebrated with a drink with his supporters.

The boy's father angrily denounced the church, telling the *Illawarra Mercury* at the time: "I don't want to be associated with such hypocrites who one minute kneel down and pray and then blindly support the harassment of my family."

However, the suspended Nestor was never allowed back into church ministry.

He was referred to the church's NSW Professional Standards Resource Group, which kicked off a lengthy saga ending in him finally being struck off as a priest by the Vatican about five years ago.



While in college, Trump obtained four student draft deferments during the Vietnam War era.<sup>[11]</sup> In 1966, he was deemed fit for military service based upon a medical examination, and in July 1968 a local draft board classified him as eligible to serve.<sup>[12]</sup> In October 1968, he was classified 1-Y, a conditional medical deferment,<sup>[13]</sup> and in 1972, he was reclassified 4-F due to bone spurs, permanently disqualifying him from service.<sup>[14]</sup>

## Family

In 1977, Trump married Czech model Ivana Zelníčková.<sup>[15]</sup> They have three children, Donald Jr. (born 1977), Ivanka (born 1981), and Eric (born 1984). Ivana became a naturalized United States citizen in 1988.<sup>[16]</sup> The couple divorced in 1992, following Trump's affair with actress Marla Maples.<sup>[17]</sup> He and Maples have one daughter, Tiffany (born 1993).<sup>[18]</sup> They married in 1993, separated in 1997, and divorced in 1999.<sup>[19]</sup> Tiffany was raised by Marla in California.<sup>[20]</sup> In 2005, Trump married Slovenian model Melania Knauss.<sup>[21]</sup> They have one son, Barron (born 2006).<sup>[22]</sup> Melania gained U.S. citizenship in 2006.<sup>[23]</sup>

## \* Religion

Trump went to Sunday school and was confirmed in 1959 at the First Presbyterian Church in Jamaica, Queens.<sup>[24][25]</sup> In the 1970s, his parents joined the Marble Collegiate Church in Manhattan, which belongs to the Reformed Church.<sup>[24][26]</sup> The pastor at Marble, Norman Vincent Peale,<sup>[24]</sup> ministered to the family until his death in 1993.<sup>[26]</sup> Trump has described him as a mentor.<sup>[27]</sup> In 2015, the church stated that Trump was not an active member.<sup>[25]</sup> In 2019, he appointed his personal pastor, televangelist Paula White, to the White House Office of Public Liaison.<sup>[28]</sup> In 2020, he said he identified as a non-denominational Christian.<sup>[29]</sup>

## Wealth

In 1982, Trump made the initial Forbes list of wealthy people for holding a share of his family's estimated \$200 million net worth. His losses in the 1980s dropped him from the list between 1990 and 1995.<sup>[30]</sup> After filing mandatory financial disclosure forms with the FEC in July 2015, he announced a net worth of about \$10 billion. Records released by the FEC showed at least \$1.4 billion in assets and \$265 million in liabilities.<sup>[31]</sup> Forbes estimated his net worth at \$4.5 billion in 2015 and \$3.1 billion in 2018.<sup>[32]</sup> In its 2021 billionaires ranking, it was \$2.4 billion (1,299th in the world), making him one of the wealthiest officeholders in American history.<sup>[33]</sup>

Journalist Jonathan Greenberg reported in 2018 that Trump, using the pseudonym "John Barron" and claiming to be a Trump Organization official, called him in 1984 to falsely assert that he owned "in excess of ninety percent" of the Trump family's business, to secure a higher ranking on the Forbes 400 list of wealthy Americans. Greenberg also wrote that Forbes had vastly overestimated Trump's wealth and wrongly included him on the Forbes 400 rankings of 1982, 1983, and 1984.<sup>[34]</sup>

Trump has often said he began his career with "a small loan of one million dollars" from his father, and that he had to pay it back with interest.<sup>[35]</sup> He was a millionaire by age eight, borrowed at least \$60 million from his father, largely failed to repay those loans, and received another \$413 million (adjusted for inflation) from his father's company.<sup>[36][37]</sup> In 2018, he and his family were reported to have committed tax fraud, and the New York tax department began investigating.<sup>[38]</sup> His investments underperformed the stock and New York property markets.<sup>[39][40]</sup> Forbes estimated in October 2018 that his net worth declined from \$4.5 billion in 2015 to \$3.1 billion in 2017 and his product licensing income from \$23 million to \$3 million.<sup>[41]</sup>



In March 2005, a woman contacted Florida's Palm Beach Police Department and alleged that her 14-year-old stepdaughter had been taken to Epstein's mansion by an older girl. While there, she was allegedly paid \$300 (equivalent to \$420 in 2021) to strip and massage Epstein.<sup>[92]</sup> She had allegedly undressed, but left the encounter wearing her underwear.<sup>[93]</sup>

Palm Beach Police began a 13-month undercover investigation of Epstein, including a search of his home.<sup>[71][94]</sup> During the investigation, Palm Beach Police Chief Michael Reiter publicly accused the Palm Beach County state prosecutor, Barry Krischer, of being too lenient and called for help from the FBI.<sup>[92]</sup>



Epstein's 2006 mugshot

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) then became involved. Subsequently, the police alleged that Epstein had paid several girls to perform sexual acts with him.<sup>[89]</sup> Interviews with five alleged victims and 17 witnesses under oath, a high-school transcript and other items found in Epstein's trash and home allegedly showed that some of the girls involved were under 18, the youngest being 14, with many under 16.<sup>[95][96]</sup> The police search of Epstein's home found two hidden cameras and large numbers of photos of girls throughout the house, some of whom the police had interviewed in the course of their investigation.<sup>[93]</sup> Adriana Ross, a former model from Poland who became an Epstein assistant, reportedly removed computer drives and other electronic equipment from the financier's Florida mansion before Palm Beach Police searched the home as part of their investigation.<sup>[97]</sup> The court documents record that a search of Epstein's residence by Palm Beach Police detective Joseph Recarey in 2005 uncovered an incriminating Amazon receipt containing books on S&M. The books he ordered are titled: *SM 101: A Realistic Introduction*, *SlaveCraft: Roadmaps for Erotic Servitude – Principles, Skills and Tools* and *Training with Miss Abernathy: A Workbook for Erotic Slaves and Their Owners*.<sup>[98]</sup>

A former employee told the police that Epstein would receive massages three times a day.<sup>[93]</sup> Eventually the FBI compiled reports on "34 confirmed minors" eligible for restitution (increased to 40 in the NPA) whose allegations of sexual abuse by Epstein included corroborating details.<sup>[99]</sup> Julie Brown's 2018 exposés in the *Miami Herald* identified about 80 victims and located about 60 of them.<sup>[1][71][100]</sup> She quotes the then police chief Reiter as saying "This was 50-something 'shes' and one 'he'—and the 'shes' all basically told the same story."<sup>[1]</sup> Details from the investigation included allegations that 12-year-old triplets were flown in from France for Epstein's birthday, and flown back the following day after being sexually abused by the financier. It was alleged that young girls were recruited from Brazil and other South American countries, former Soviet countries, and Europe, and that Jean-Luc Brunel's "MC2" modeling agency was also supplying girls to Epstein.<sup>[95][101][102]</sup>

In May 2006, Palm Beach police filed a probable cause affidavit saying that Epstein should be charged with four counts of unlawful sex with minors and one count of sexual abuse.<sup>[93][103]</sup> On July 27, 2006, Epstein was arrested by the Palm Beach Police Department on state felony charges of procuring a minor for prostitution and solicitation of a prostitute. He was booked at the Palm Beach County jail and later released on a \$3,000 bond.<sup>[5][9][104][105]</sup> State prosecutor Krischer later convened a Palm Beach County grand jury, which was usually only done in capital cases. Presented evidence from only two victims, the grand jury returned a single charge of felony solicitation of prostitution,<sup>[106]</sup> to which Epstein pleaded not guilty in August 2006.<sup>[107]</sup>

Epstein's defense lawyers included Roy Black, Gerald Lefcourt, Harvard Law School professor Alan Dershowitz, and former U.S. Solicitor General Ken Starr.<sup>[92][108]</sup> Linguist Steven Pinker also assisted.<sup>[109]</sup>